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Parents in Pakistan Could Be Jailed for Polio Vaccine Refusal

The Guardian reported:

> Parents in Pakistan who refuse to get their children vaccinated against infectious diseases could be jailed or fined under a new law introduced in Sindh province.
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> The introduction of the legislation is an attempt to eradicate polio, which is endemic in Pakistan, but will cover vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps and rubella.
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> Parents who do not allow their children to be vaccinated could be sentenced to a month in prison and fined 50,000 Pakistani rupees (£130). The law, the first of its kind in the country, was signed last week and will come into force this month.

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More than 62,000 parents, most of them in Sindh province, refused polio vaccinations for their children during the countrywide polio vaccination campaign in January this year.

Facebook Files: White House Peddled Obvious Foreign Lies About 'Disinformation Dozen'

ZeroHedge reported:

> A U.K.-based, government-linked dark money nonprofit operated by a far-left British Labour Party operative fabricated statistics about the so-called 'disinformation dozen' — people with large social media footprints that expressed vaccine or lockdown skepticism, according to the latest Facebook Files released on Tuesday by Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH).
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> The Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) run by a man named Imran Ahmed claimed that Robert Kennedy Jr. and 11 other people were responsible for 65% of "anti-vaccine content circulating on social media."
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> That claim itself was disinformation, according to Jordan — who notes that Facebook employees were highly skeptical of the CCDH's claims, which they said were just Americans expressing "vaccine hesitancy," which is often "not misinfo" even under Facebook's policies.
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> What's more, the Biden White House repeatedly peddled the 65% lie as Facebook employees were preparing to draft a memo to CEO Mark Zuckerberg to complain about "pressure from ... the White House" to remove the so-called Disinfo Dozen, even though they did "not believe we currently have a clear path for removal."
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> According to the internal emails, Facebook continued to monitor the so-called disinformation dozen to justify censorship, only to find that the "majority" of them weren't spreading misinformation.

The Supreme Court's Next Target: Government Coercion on Social Media

Newsweek reported:

> The Supreme Court Justices will hear argument this fall in two cases that ask whether public officials violate the First Amendment when they block people on social media using accounts that issue communications on job-related matters. (The Second Circuit had previously ruled against President Donald Trump's blocking people on Twitter, but the Supreme Court vacated the decision and mooted the case when Trump left office.)
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> And the Court will almost certainly grant petitions arising from a split in the lower courts over Florida and Texas laws that treat tech companies as common carriers, preventing them from engaging in viewpoint discrimination. But this summer, a new social media issue emerged that may well swamp these in public importance: jawboning.
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> Two examples gripped the news cycle recently: the censorship of posts relating to COVID policy, election integrity, and Hunter Biden's laptop as detailed in Missouri v. Biden, where a federal judge enjoined officials from meeting and coordinating with social media companies; and revelations that have come out of the House Subcommittee on Government Weaponization.

Connected Cars Are a 'Privacy Nightmare,' Mozilla Foundation Says

Ars Technica reported:

> Today, the Mozilla Foundation published its analysis of how well automakers handle the privacy of data collected by their connected cars, and the results will be unlikely to surprise any regular reader of Ars Technica. The researchers were horrified by their findings, stating that "cars are the worst product category we have ever reviewed for privacy."

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Mozilla looked at 25 car brands and found that all of them collected too much personal data, and from multiple sources — monitoring not just which buttons you push or what you do in any of the infotainment system's apps but also data from other sources like satellite radio or third-party maps. Or even when you connect your phone — remember that prompt asking you if you wanted to share all your contacts and notes with your car when you connected it via Bluetooth?

While some gathered data seems innocuous or even helpful — feedback to improve cabin ergonomics and UIs, for example — some data is decidedly not.

Mozilla found plenty more to worry about. Eighty-four percent of the brands they analyzed said they can share your data, and 76% said they can sell it. And more than half say they'll share data with the government and law enforcement by request. Users have very little control over what those brands do with their data. Only two of the 25 brands (Renault and Dacia) tell users they have the right to have their data deleted, and neither sell cars in the United States.

Huntington Beach City Council Approves Banning Mask and Vaccine Mandates

CBS News Los Angeles reported:

The Huntington Beach City Council narrowly voted to approve a declaration to ban universal mask and COVID-19 vaccine mandates in the city. The declaration passed with a 4-3 vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6.

Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark introduced the motion at the Huntington Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday night. The approval of the declaration essentially makes Huntington Beach a no mask and no vaccine city.

In the declaration, Van Der Mark said in regard to mask mandates imposed at City Hall and other parts of the city in 2020 and 2021 "unnecessarily limited the freedoms of the citizens of Huntington Beach, even those who were not around anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or at risk of any exposure."

Republicans Declare War on Mask Mandates

Newsweek reported:

Mask mandates might be a relic of the past. The federal government eliminated them at the close of the national health emergency declared around COVID-19, citing high levels of vaccinations that made the need to slow the spread of the virus even less prudent.

Many businesses followed suit, with voluntary masking requirements in most stores dissipating as more and more people received the vaccine.

But as some schools and medical facilities have begun reinstating them amid a surge of a new strain of COVID-19, Republican lawmakers want them to stay a thing of the past, launching bills aimed at restricting the federal government's ability to impose similar mandates in the future.

Citing arguments that masks didn't work to slow the spread of the virus during COVID — which most studies contest — Ohio Republican Senator JD Vance announced plans September 5 to introduce the Freedom to Breathe Act, which would permanently prevent the federal government from reimposing federal mask mandates in the United States.

Class Required to Wear Masks After COVID Outbreak in Montgomery Co. School

WTOP News reported:

Students and staff in one class at a public school in Montgomery County, Maryland, are being told that they must wear masks for the next 10 days after three "or more" people tested positive for COVID-19.

In a letter sent home to parents on Tuesday, Rosemary Hills Elementary School principal Rebecca Irwin Kennedy wrote that KN95 masks would be distributed and students and staff in "identified classes or activities" will be required to mask up while in school for the next 10 days "except when eating or drinking."

The letter states that after a 10-day period, "masks will become optional again."

Norway Court Rules Against Facebook Owner Meta in Privacy Case

Reuters reported:

Meta Platforms (META.O) can be fined for breaching users' privacy, a Norwegian court ruled on Wednesday, stopping an attempt by the owner of Facebook and Instagram to halt a fine imposed by the country's data regulator.

Meta has been fined one million crowns ($93,200) per day since Aug. 14 for harvesting user data and using it to target advertising at them. So-called behavioural advertising is a business model common to Big Tech.

The owner of Facebook and Instagram had sought a temporary injunction against the order from the Norwegian data regulator, Datatilsynet, which imposed a daily fine for three months.

"This is a big victory for privacy," Datatilsynet said in a statement.

Britain Admits Defeat in Controversial Fight to Break Encryption

Wired reported:

Tech companies and privacy, activists are claiming victory after an eleventh-hour concession by the British government in a long-running battle over end-to-end encryption.

The so-called "spy clause" in the U.K.'s Online Safety Bill, which experts argued would have made end-to-end encryption all but impossible in the country, will no longer be enforced after the government admitted the technology to securely scan encrypted messages for signs of child sexual abuse material, or CSAM, without compromising users' privacy, doesn't yet exist. Secure messaging services, including WhatsApp and Signal, had threatened to pull out of the U.K. if the bill was passed.

Opponents of the bill say that putting backdoors into people's devices to search for CSAM images would almost certainly pave the way for wider surveillance by governments.

"You make mass surveillance become almost an inevitability by putting [these tools] in their hands," Alan Woodward, a visiting professor in cybersecurity at the University of Surrey, says. "There will always be some 'exceptional circumstances' that [security forces] think of that warrants them searching for something else."

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CAWS
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Those 62,000 parents in Pakistan need to join together and say no! They can't arrest all of them. If the children are forced at school and have any side effects the government needs to be sued & voted out. Of course in a year they will say "we never forced you to take the jab" just like they are doing in New Zealand right now!

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Diana
5 days ago

The United Kingdom has turned a blind eye to the rape and sexual exploitation of children for 40 years--the police of Louton admitted this in Tommy Robinson's documentary series, The Rape of Britain. County Councils seem to be in league with rape gangs, as they are in charge of hiring police who do nothing to rapists, but harass victims and others who speak out about it..The judiciary also routinely takes children away from their parents without due process, which makes it appear as if they have a quota to fill of children to be trafficked.

Given that the fish is rotting from the head---Jeanette Archer, Donald Marshall, James Casbolt and Allyson Carter have accused the ruling class of SRA---any ability the government has to spy on citizens would only be used to further the abduction, torture, exploitation and ritual sacrifice of Britain's children.

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AndrewCharnley → Diana
5 days ago

WOW...! I am an ex pat living well away from the EU/UK/US on purpose for the last 17 years and am aware of much but this is shocking. I have no marketing desire for the RC Church but There is an article called, Archbishop Viganò: Globalism Is 'Satanic' Preparation for the 'Rise of the Antichrist'. But he also highlighted aspects such as attempts to destroy "the natural family, the fundamental cell of society, eliminated of which children become commodities, products that those with money can order on the Internet, feeding a vast and increasingly flourishing criminal network, not to mention the surrogacy industry...". He also blames the RC church for corruption. Perhaps he would support the cause you are alluring to...

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Ronald Martono

5 days ago

Jail for refusing vax in Pakistan - we see these draconian kind of laws rolled out everywhere in the world step by step (e.g. Indonesia with the new transhumanist "Health Law" UU Kesehatan). The good point of it is that at some stage, at some place in the not too distant future this will lead to a revolution, a revolution that cannot be stopped.

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